

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

~~[0001] This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/206,422 filed on May 23, 2000 and to application Ser. No. 09/792,323, filed on Feb. 23, 2001, which is a divisional patent application of application Ser. No. 09/296,207, filed Apr. 21, 1999, which is a continuation in part patent application claiming priority to U.S. Pat. No. 5,987,500, entitled Value Added Network System For Enabling Real Time, Bi-Directional Transactions On A Network, formerly application Ser. No. 08/879,958, and filed on Jun. 20, 1997. U.S. Pat. No. 5,987,500 is itself a divisional application claiming priority to U.S. Pat. No. 5,778,178, entitled Method And Apparatus For Enabling Real Time Bi-Directional ransactions On A Network, formerly application Ser. No. 08/700,726, filed on Aug. 5, 1996, which also claims priority and benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/006,634 filed on Nov. 13, 1995.~~

[0001] This application is a continuation in part of application 09/792,323 filed Feb. 23, 2001, now U.S. Patent number 7,xxx,xxx, which was a continuation-in-part of application number 08/879,958 filed June 20, 1997, now U.S. Patent number 5,987,500 which was a divisional of application number 08/700,726 filed Aug. 5, 1996, now U.S. patent number 5,778,178 which was related to and claimed priority from U.S. provisional patent application number 60/006,634 filed Nov. 13, 1995. This application is

related to and claims priority from U.S. provisional patent application  
number 60/206,422 filed May 23, 2000. Applications  
09/792,323; 08/879,958; 08/700,726; 60/006,634; and 60/206,422 are  
hereby incorporated by reference. Patents 5,987,500; 5,778,178,  
7,xxx,xxx and sister patent number 6,212,556 are also hereby  
incorporated by reference.